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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER'S AUGUST 30-31 VISIT TO ATHENS

--ACCORDING TO THE NETHERLANDS FOREIGN MINISTRY, GREEK PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS TOLD FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL IN ATHENS THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT GESTURE THE TURKS COULD MAKE WOULD BE TO ALLOW THE RETURN OF SOME 50,000 GREEK CYPRIOTS TO FAMAGUSTA. THE GOG WOULD ALSO LIKE TURKEY TO REDUCE ITS PRESENT ZONE OF OCCUPATION AND WITHDRAW FROM THE SOUTHERN OR SOUTH-EASTERN SECTOR OF NICOSIA. VAN DER STOEL SUBSEQUENTLY EXPRESSED TO EMBASSY THE HAGUE HIS VIEW THAT US PRESSURE WAS NEEDED TO INDUCE THE GOT TO MAKE CONCESSIONS ON THE GROUND IN CYPRUS. (SECRET) THE HAGUE 4319, 9/3 (EXDIS).

2. EGYPT - CABINET

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THE CAIRO PRESS SEPTEMBER 1 REPORTED:

--PRESIDENT SADAT HAD SAID THAT HEGAZI WILL ASSUME THE POST OF PRIME MINISTER;

--HEGAZI WILL CANCEL SCHEDULED TRIPS TO RIYADH AND WASHINGTON DUE TO THE PRESSING REQUIREMENTS OF FORMING THE NEW CABINET.

THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT HEGAZI WILL ASSUME THE NEW POST, BUT SEES FOREIGN AFFAIRS RESPONSIBILITIES REMAINING FIRMLY IN THE HANDS OF FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMI AND THE PRESIDENT. (CONFIDENTIAL) CAIRO 6803, 9/3.

3. ISRAEL

THE LABOR PARTY EXECUTIVE BUREAU AND KNESSET FACTION MEMBERS ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET SEPTEMBER 4 TO CONSIDER:

--AUTHORIZING THE LABOR PARTY TO ENTER INTO FORMAL COALITION NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY (NRP);

--A NEW FORMULA ACCORDING TO WHICH JEWISH IMMIGRANT CONVERTS WOULD NOT BE REGISTERED FOR ONE YEAR IN THE POPULATION REGISTRY PENDING THE RESOLUTION OF THE ISSUE: WHO IS A JEW?

EMBASSY TEL AVIV COMMENTS THAT WHILE THERE ARE MANY SERIOUS OBSTACLES TO BRINGING THE NRP INTO THE GOVERNING COALITION, THE NEW FORMULA MAY HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF ACCEPTANCE THAN PREVIOUS PROPOSALS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) TEL AVIV 5022, 9/3.

4. BUILDING BEGINS IN EARNEST IN SUEZ CANAL ZONE: FIRST DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER HEGAZI, CHAIRMAN OF THE EGYPTIAN HIGHER CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE, REPORTEDLY:

--SAID "NORMAL LIFE" IN THE CANAL ZONE WOULD BE
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RESTORED FOR ABOUT 60,000 TO 70,000 PEOPLE BY OCTOBER 6, 120,000 BY THE END OF THE YEAR;

--PRAISED THE "TREMENDOUS EFFORT" NOW BEING EXERTED IN HOUSING AND LOOKED FORWARD TO GREATER PARTICIPATION BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR;

--ANNOUNCED A NUMBER OF PROJECTS, INCLUDING A GAS

PIPELINE FROM SHUQAIR TO A SUEZ FERTILIZER PLANT
AND A CONTRACT WITH THE FRG TO CONSTRUCT A POWER
PLANT AT SUEZ. (UNCLASSIFIED) CAIRO 6777, 9/3.

5. MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER COMMENTS ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS:
IN HIS NATIONAL DAY SPEECH AUGUST 30, RAZAK:

--REITERATED THE GOM'S NON-ALIGNED POLICY;

--SAID MALAYSIA WILL STRENGTHEN ITS TIES WITH
ISLAMIC NATIONS TO "PROMOTE UNITY AND BROTHERHOOD"
AND EXPAND TRADE;

--PROMISED THAT THE GOM WILL "CONTINUE TO STRIVE"
TO OBTAIN US, USSR, AND PRC SUPPORT FOR A SOUTHEAST
ASIA ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM, AND NEUTRALITY.
(UNCLASSIFIED) KUALA LUMPUR 4259, 9/3. INGERSOLL

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